

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Worthington House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off Baker Valley Road South of I-270 6th E D 7

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Araby

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

M 86 P21

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☒ IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jenkins Food Corporation

Telephone #: 663-6155

STREET & NUMBER

Eight Commerce Street

Md. 21701

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 843

Folio #: 739

STREET & NUMBER

Record Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

21701

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

F-7-47

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Worthington House is a ell shaped two and a half story gable roofed common bond brick structure which faces north from a lane off the west side of Baker Valley Road. It is commercially owned building in bad disrepair; heavy equipment is currently being stored in the immediate area.

The principal facade is five bays wide; a three bay ell extension is located to the south. The main entrance a panelled door with decorative scrollwork recessed panelling and a six light transom with three pane sidelights is located in the third bay. Another door with three light transom is located in the second bay on the west side. Most of the window frames are missing but were 6/6. The slate roof is finished by a plain cornice, three original single brick chimneys straddle the gables on the east, west and south corner. An open wood porch with railing extends from the north side on the first level. Numerous cinder block out buildings are located south and west of the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Worthington House and surrounding meadow is significant to the history of the area as a major focal point during the Battle of the Monocacy in July 1864. In the vicinity of Frederick Junction union forces under the direction of General Lew Wallace were quickly assembled on the morning of July 9, to delay the threatening advance of General Jubal Early's troops toward Washington and Baltimore.

After an unsuccessful frontal attack by Confederate troops across the Monocacy, General John McCausland took his unmounted confederate calvary troops to the meadow by the Worthington House to gange an attack to the left flank of the Union troops. Joined by additional numbers fierce fighting took place in the vicinity of Worthington's farm. The fence which separated the field's of the Thomas House (Araby) and the Worthington use "represented in a general way the front line of the Federal forces".¹ During the heat of the battle a piece of artillery was positioned in the yard of the Worthington House "at the south end of the house. . and shell fire (was) directed against the Thomas House to dislodge the Federal sharpshooters".² Although the union troops were unable to stop the Confederate advances they delayed the enemy long enough to insure time for Washington to be fortified. John Worthington and his family stayed in his house through the battle taking shelter in the cellar of the building. Known as "Clifton" or "Riverside Drive and Farm", the Worthington House and 278 acres was purchased from John Wheathey et al in 1862 for \$16,654.75.³ The house remained in the Worthington family until 1953 when it was purchased for use as a Cannery by Jenkins Bres, Inc.⁴

Unfortunately, the house is badly deteriorated and in need of restoration. Plans have been made to include the building in the Monocacy Battlefield boundaries of the National Park Service.

1 Fighting for Time or the Battle that Saved Washington and mayhap the Union, Worthington.
p. 61-62.

2 Ibid., p. 132

3 Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, Liber BGF7 Folio 439

4 Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, Liber 843 Folio 739

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 278.78A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

10/13/77

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

1-301-663-8300 Ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick,

STATE

Md. 21701

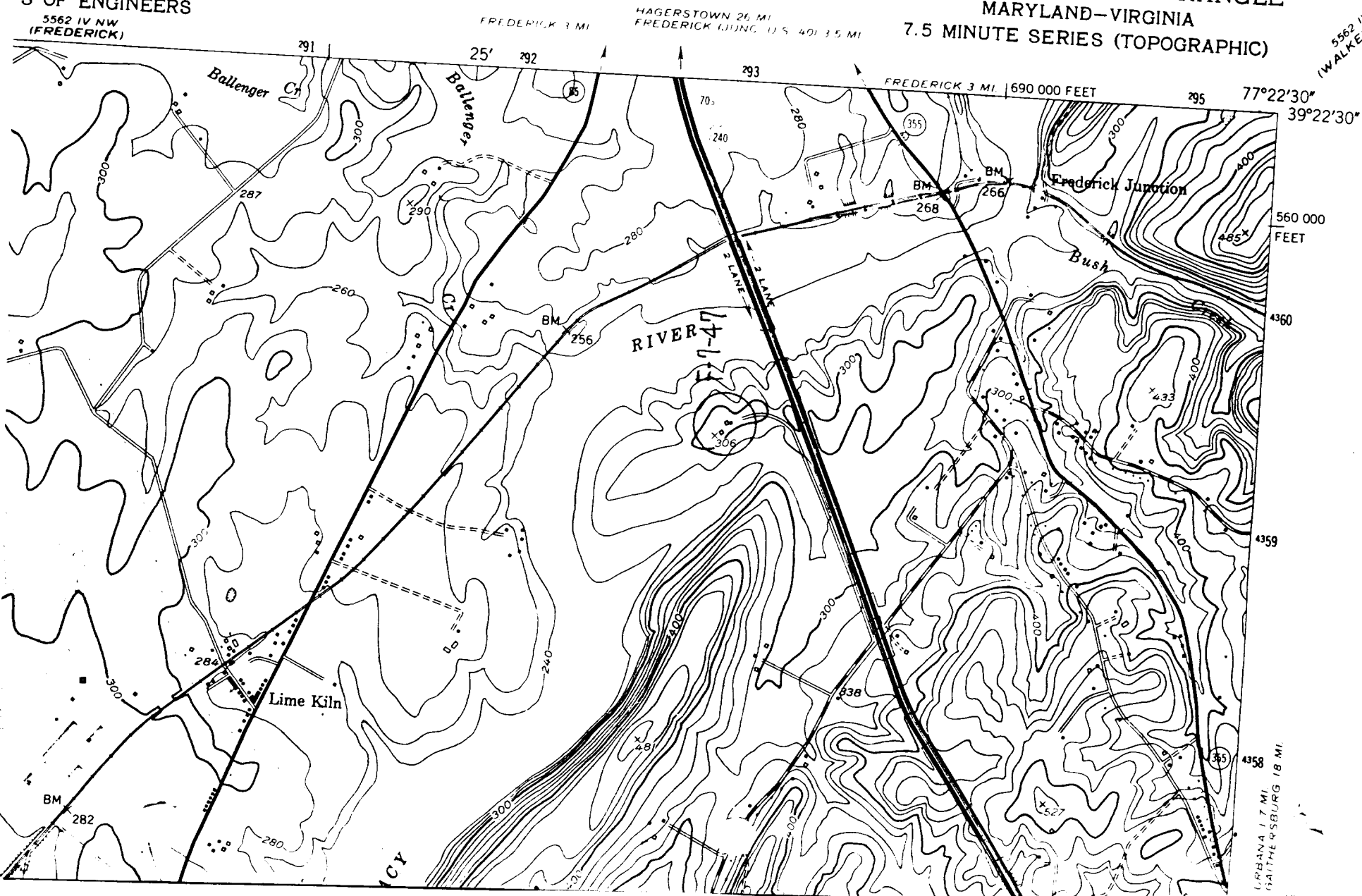
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(FREDERICK)

5562 IV NE
(WALKERSVILLE)





Warthington House F-7-47

Northwest View

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Worthington House
Southwest View

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Detail F-7-47
Worthington House - Front Entrance





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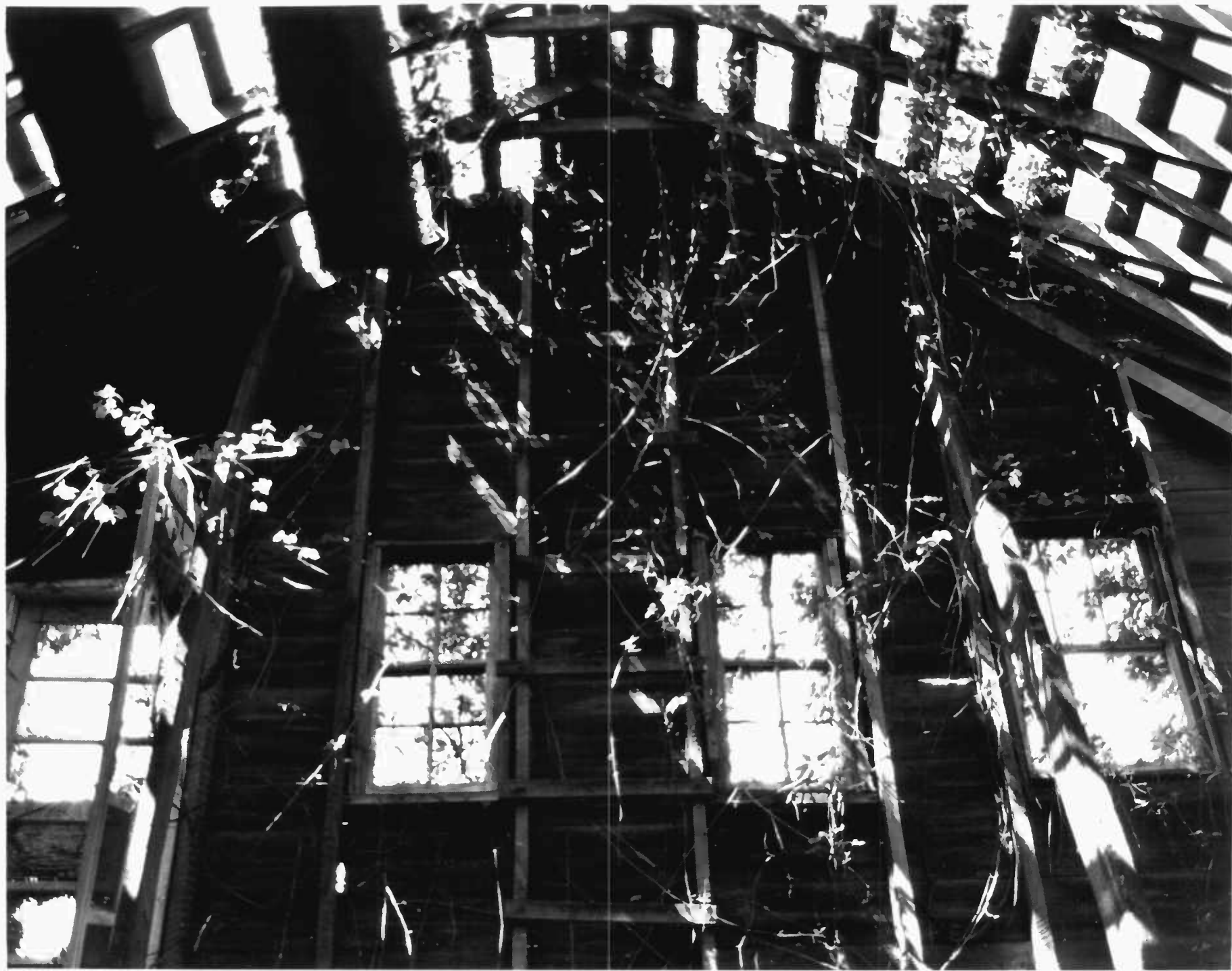
Monocacy National Battlefield

Frederick County, Maryland

Worthington Farm

20th Century concrete block milk house

National Park Service 1982



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Monocacy National Battlefield
Frederick County, Maryland
Worthington Farm
20th Century Dairy Barn

National Park Service 1982



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Monocacy National Battlefield

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Worthington Farm

20th Century concrete block dairy barn

National Park Service, 1982.



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Monocacy National Battlefield

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Worthington Farm

Collapsed wood barn

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Worthington Farm
Brick Dwelling House
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Worthington Farm
Historic Worthington Farmhouse to be
stabilized by National Park Service